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SUBJECT: ANNUAL INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT OF SECURITY
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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL
AND HAS RECHECKED SUBSTANCE OF QUESTIONED STATEMENTS WITH
INR AND CIA. WE HAVE AMENDED STATEMENTS QUESTIONED IN
REFTEL TO REFLECT PRECISE INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF INFO
AT PRESENT AND TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. QUESTIONED STATEMENTS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: HOWEVER, THE SAUDIS HAVE REPORTEDLY MADE PROMISES
OF A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO TUNISIAN DEFENSE MODERNI-
ZATION PLAN, ... UNQUOTE.

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QUOTE: THEY HAVE PREPARED A SENSIBLE FIVE-YEAR ARMS
MODERNIZATION PLAN TO WHICH THEY ARE GOING TO DEVOTE
SUBSTANTIAL DOMESTIC RESOURCES AND TO WHICH WE HAVE
PLEDGED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. UNQUOTE.

QUOTE: FINALLY, THEY REPORTEDLY HAVE STONEWALLED OFFERS OF
MAJOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THE SOVIETS, ... UNQUOTE. VANCE

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